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## Israel Sends Official to U.S. To Seek Unity in Aid Campaigns

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NEW YORK—(NJP)—The National Jewish Post learned exclusively this week that the Israel government is sending a representative to the United States to see what can be done to coordinate the host of aid-to-Israel campaigns sprouting independently in all parts of the U. S.

Dr. Herbert Foerder, Israeli food coordinator, was due to arrive here next week. The Post learned from authoritative sources. According to these informants, the Israeli representative will meet with leaders of all major food and material campaigns in the hope of setting up a central clearing house for such drives.

### Summary of Activities

(The Zionist Organization of America took its first step to coordinate its aid drives by dissolving Americans for Haganah and setting up Americans United for Israel which will absorb Materials for Palestine in October. Details elsewhere in this issue.)

The Philadelphia Friendship Train went out of business this week and its sponsors switched their energies to other Israel aid drives. Details elsewhere in this issue.)

(Hadassah continued its fight with the Red Mogen Dovid, urging its members to withhold any support. Details elsewhere.)

(The Red-front Jewish Labor



**Israel Sends A Pretty Songbird**

NEW YORK—Soprano Hanna Kipnis, a native of Tel Aviv, was one of the three winners in the first audition for vocalists held by the Jewish Center lecture bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board. With Miss Kipnis (left) are the other winners, baritone Norman Atkins and mezzo-soprano Ingrid Rypinsky. The winners will be placed on the lecture bureau's list of artists for concert programs.

Council produced photostatic copies of checks to prove that two of its affiliate unions had made contributions to Israel institutions but charges of fraudulent fund-raising continued. Details elsewhere.)

The first bid to weave all New York food drives into one campaign—recently announced by Poalim Agudas Israel, ultra-orthodox, non-Zionist group—has been a flop. None of the major Jewish organizations conducting food-for-Israel prospects have indicated any willingness to work with the Poalim group.

It appeared that the various groups all intend to continue independently until the Israeli coordinator arrives. These included, the Mizrachi drive.

religious-Zionists; the "Mazoon U'ruhah for Israel," a new outfit which reportedly is a Poale Zion (labor Zionist) effort whose sponsors claim they have 20 tons of food warehoused for shipment; the Food-for-Yeshiva-Students for Israel; and the American Friendship Train for Israel.

The JTA reported that 18 car-loads of supplies collected by the Chicago Council of B'nai B'rith with a Friendship Train were turned over this week to Elihu Epstein, Israeli minister to the U. S.

Morris Alexander, president of the Chicago Council, said not only BB members but many other members of the Chicago Jewish community and hundreds of non-Jews helped in the five-week

## Israel Struggle Shifts Back To Political Arena; Zionists Alert

LAKE SUCESS—The struggle to win international status for the new Jewish state moved this week from the military field, where victory was certain, to the political, where new big-power machinations against Israel were equally certain.

The shift in the scene of battle meant a new mobilization of Zionists. The prospect for another dramatic battle—similar to the one that ended in utter defeat of a United States proposal this spring for an indefinite trusteeship in Palestine—appeared certain.

### Bernadotte Would Modify

Count Folke Bernadotte, the UN mediator, returned to Rhodes to work for a permanent settlement. He asserted in New York before departure that his Security Council powers authorized him to seek a peaceful settlement and that if "modification" of the Nov. 29 UN partition decision was necessary to win that goal, he was ready to "modify."

That statement, plus the British-slanted peace proposal he had made during the first truce, were considered sufficient warning to the new Jewish state and to Zionists that the war on the diplomatic front remained to be won.

There were indications that the persistent reluctance to fight of King Abdullah of Transjordan, plus the Arab military reverses, were likely to cause an explosion that might torpedo the Arab League.

Disruption of the Arab League would mean that resumption of war against Israel was virtually out of the question. What the Arab states utterly failed to do collectively, they were unlikely to attempt individually.

Abdullah, the first of the Arab princes to accept the order for the second truce, was speaking strongly in behalf of negotiation than through the Arab League.

### Boundary Talks Started With Arabs

JERUSALEM—(JTA)—The first formal agreements between Israel and the invading Arabs were announced here this week.

It was announced that the Israeli army and the Arab Legion will sign an agreement "freezing" the front according to maps drawn in joint meetings with the United Nations Truce Commission.

Egyptian officers crossed battle lines for the first time on a peace mission to initiate similar talks.

Brig. David Shaltiel, commander of the Israel army sixth brigade, met with Lt. Col. Abdullah El Tel of the Legion for the talks.

The independent discussions were likely to mean the death knell of the Arab League, disintegrating under the impact of Israeli military success.

as the only way to settle the Palestine problem.

Farouk, of Egypt, whose troops had taken perhaps the most savage beating of any of the invaders, was the second to announce acceptance. Less than 8,000 of his 50,000-man army had been committed to the Palestine war and at least 25 per cent of the invasion force had been irretrievably mauled by the Israelis.

It was considered significant that both Abdullah and Farouk had acted, in accepting the second truce, independently rather than through the Arab League.

## Boycott Committee Dismisses Threats Of Reprisals On Jews

By BERNARD B. COHEN  
Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK—The need to force Britain out of Palestine outweighs the threat of any possible economic reprisals to Jews in England or Israel from a boycott of British goods and services in the U.S., the Sons of Liberty Boycott Committee asserted this week.

Prof. Johann J. Smertenko, formerly a top official in the American League for a Free Palestine, entered that defense against a rising chorus of criticism leveled against the committee by both Zionist and non-Zionist groups.

The former Bergson group official said that the campaign of the two-months old group "is already producing results that can be calculated in millions of dollars, thousands of letters and a rising public sentiment against British goods and services in the United States."

He said that more than 30 U.S. firms have joined in the boycott against Great Britain by cancelling the orders of their buyers in England. He said that the committee is a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization whose goal is to force a change in British anti-Israel policy through economic pressure.

The plan of action of the committee, branches of which are now in formation in Philadelphia, Detroit and Los Angeles, involves direct contact with firms selling British-made goods; boycott advertisements in the local press, posters, petitions and leaflets.

Smertenko said that stores failing to support the committee's request are being picketed. Macy's and Hearn's, two large New York department stores both were picketed. Sales continued in both stores despite the pickets, although many customers informed pickets that they were entering the stores to withdraw their charge accounts, Smertenko said.

Taking up the charges made against the committee's work, Smertenko said that unless a boycott

was handled by an independent, non-sectarian organization, it would merely be considered an act of retaliation on the part of Jews and would be discounted as such.

He argued, however, that as an organization of Americans, the committee should be entitled to support of all Zionist bodies.

He said for years he and his associates have tried to win such unconditional support but were unsuccessful both with official Zionist leadership and with "dissident" Zionist groups, an obvious reference to the United-Revisionist Zionists.

A British boycott has always been a key element in the plank of U.S. Bergson groups but Smertenko insisted the Committee is made up of Jews and non-Jews, Zionists and non-Zionists and is financed by public contributions.

Smertenko criticized refusal of U. S. Zionist groups to back the boycott. He summarized the arguments against boycott as follows:

1. It would jeopardize British recognition of Israel.

2. It would endanger negotiations to unfreeze 100,000,000 British-held pounds sterling which belong to the Jewish state.

3. There would be economic reprisals, particularly in the purchase of Israeli citrus fruits, for which Britain is the major market.

Smertenko rejected all arguments. He said that the boycott of Britain by Americans had nothing to do with the foreign relations of the Government of Israel. He said Maj. Aubrey Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, told him that Israel cannot take any stand on a boycott of England by American citizens.

Smertenko said that negotiations for recognition by Britain of Israel would not gain if the Jewish state behaves "like a good little victim," adding that

Britain would make concessions only to a show of strength.

He said the problem of the British-held millions of pounds was a question of law to be settled by the International Court of Justice. Finally, he argued that the citrus market was not a consideration when the destiny of Israel was at stake and that the reason England bought Palestinian oranges was that she had no money to buy oranges anywhere else.

The American Zionist Emergency Council told The Post that there is no official Zionist-backed boycott activity underway anywhere and that it had "no reaction" to the Sons of Liberty committee and its activities.

Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, attacked backers of the boycott, asserting that they show "an overwhelming concern for the destiny and political needs of another state."

Rosenwald also hit directly at the boycott, saying it was undesirable "when our established American interests call for the upbuilding of the economy of Western Europe and indeed of the world at large."

Smertenko showed The Post evidence to prove that one of the largest American textile manufacturers has cancelled a \$1,500,000 order of British-processed goods and that three N. Y. movie distributors, Century Distributors, Harry Brandt and Leo Storch, have discontinued handling of British films.

He said several hundred smaller stores, particularly retail groceries, have stopped handling British products and that an increasing number of liquor salesmen are refusing to take orders for Scotch whisky.

Smertenko said the committee has received thousands of approving letters. Among letters from England, 39 favored the boycott and a few were Anti-Semitic attacks.

## No Support to Red Mogen Dovid, Hadassah Warns All Members

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, this week called on its 250,000 members to refuse any form of help to the Red Mogen Dovid in the latest development of the battle between the two service groups.

In Hadassah Highlights, one of its publications, Hadassah in a story headlined "R.M.D. Appeal" warned its members "not to contribute or to aid in the solicitation of funds for the Red Mogen Dovid in this country."

### No Help to RMD

The appeal said that cables from the Jerusalem RMD office "state that the Mogen Dovid has agreed to limit its activity in America to a membership campaign." Therefore, the statement said, "any fund-raising effort in this country is unauthorized."

An RMD spokesman promptly challenged the Hadassah stand and made some charges of his own.

The spokesman quoted another statement from Dr. M. Levontin, founder and president of the RMD. The statement authorized the RMD in this country to conduct fund-raising as well as membership on the controversy to date, and blood-service projects.

"Hadassah is conducting a vicious campaign against us and this issue soon will blow wide open," the spokesman told the Post.

### No Blood Bank

He also asserted that in Philadelphia, Hadassah "is trying to horn in" on Red Mogen Dovid's blood bank setup there. He quoted a news story in the Philadelphia Jewish Times which read:

"Coordinated efforts of the Hadassah and Red Mogen Dovid are being employed to maintain a high flow of blood plasma for shipment to Israel during the coming weeks."

"Both groups, functioning at different times and in separate hospitals, are serving the blood donors geographically and with regard to convenience of the donor."

### Release Unauthorized

The RMD spokesman labeled this release, which he said was issued by Hadassah "completely unauthorized." He asserted that "Hadassah has no blood setup whatsoever in Philadelphia," that it has made no arrangements with Mogen Dovid as those intimated in the Times news story, "and that this is an obvious and vicious attempt to horn in on our blood service for Israel."

## Histadrut Leader Heads Israel Council

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Joseph Sprinzak, Histadrut leader and member of the Labor Party, was elected chairman of the Israeli State Council, it was revealed here. Sprinzak became a member of the Council, replacing Goldie Meirson, who was appointed to

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## Israel Air Force Started With 30 Young Fliers Five Years Ago Despite All the British Could Do

TEL AVIV, Israel—Thirty young men and women met at a secret site in the Yishuv with little equipment but plenty of determination five years ago, the first step in the founding of the Israeli air force which has bombed the capitals of three Arab states in the brief Palestine war.

A few months after the 30 beginners finished their courses, 11 of them enrolled in the regular flight school of Aviron, the Palestine Aviation Co., and obtained commercial flying licenses.

The 11 commercial pilots and an additional six from a glider school set up a flight unit at Mishmar Haemek. This will be remembered as the site of the collective settlement where Rauzi El Kaukji and his Arab guerrillas suffered the disastrous defeat that broke the back of the pre-May 15 Arab invasion.

Details of the history of the Israeli Air Force were disclosed this week in a special article in the military journal of the Palmach, the Commando force of the Israeli army.

Early in 1945, the pioneer group moved to the settlement of Naam where it was assigned a photo reconnaissance project for the planning division of Haganah headquarters. This project was conducted with military secrecy because the British, had they known, would have

labeled the work wartime spying and imprisoned the young flyers.

Despite all precautions of Haganah, the British did pick up the aerial trail and arrested many of the flyers on June 29, 1946, crippling the infant air force.

Starting all over again, the Air Force was rebuilt and had plenty of assignments. Planes were used to warn isolated settlements of impending British raids and carried supplies to remote outposts.

All the Negev colonies were provided with an emergency landing strip and the air force maintained constant contact with the Negev settlements.

When the Arabs invaded in force against the new Jewish state, the Air Force was made up of skilled pilots and a flight training school. The personnel and facilities were swiftly expanded.

Details on the number, size and fighting power of the Air Force remain a military secret, but the air force, in less than six weeks of fighting has struck heavily at Amman, capital of Transjordan; Damascus, capital of Syria; and Cairo, capital of Egypt.

Close ground-air coordination has been a major factor in the stunning series of Israeli victories in the week of fighting at the end of the United Nations truce.

### Zionists Sponsor Pastor's Israel Trip

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(NJP)

—The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church, will visit Israel under sponsorship of the Rochester Zionist Emergency Council.

Rev. Schroeder, who is also chairman of the local American Christian Palestine Committee, will spend several weeks in Israel after attending the first assembly of the World Council of Churches in Holland next month.

### New Highway System Planned For Israel

CHICAGO—The most compact system of modern highways in the world is planned for Israel with building scheduled to start as soon as peace is established, David Sandler of Tel Aviv said this week.

He told the 45th annual convention of American Road Builders that road building has top priority on a list of public works for which plans have been completed.

"Hard surface modern routes will connect every Israel community," he said. "Almost all of the 1,500 miles of highways in Israel should be widened, in addition to the 300 or 400 miles of three-lane arteries scheduled for construction during the coming year."

He said Tel Aviv had serious problems of traffic congestion and that some of the thoroughfares will be widened and a one-way rule may be enforced on some streets.

Sandler, a member of the Association of Engineers and Architects of Tel Aviv, is a delegate to the convention and here to buy highway construction equipment.

the Soviet Union.

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, managing director of the Jewish National Fund, and a General Zionist, was named deputy chairman, as was Nahum Nir of the United Labor Party. A third deputy chairman, assigned to the Mizrahi, has not yet been appointed. A move to give the Revisionists a deputy chairmanship was defeated 14-12.

Military expenditures will be passed upon by the Finance Commission but will not be published, it was learned here.

### Philadelphia FEPC Law Awaits Test

## PHONE, CAB FIRMS CHANGING JOB BLANKS AFTER CHARGES

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—Two public utilities named in complaints of alleged violation of this city's new FEPC ordinance are in the process of changing their job application forms. The Post was reliably informed this week

The complaint against the Yellow Cab Co. and the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania were filed by the American Jewish Congress. Both were charged with violating the ordinance in their job blanks.

Nathan L. Edelstein, AJCongress president here, said Bell had violated the ordinance by "continuing to issue an application blank to prospective employees which is clearly discriminatory."

He said that the company's job form asks for the applicant's place of birth, birthplace of father and mother, and husband or wife.

### Cab Co. Even Worse

Edelstein said the Yellow Cab Co. "shows even greater evidence of discrimination by asking the religion and color of the applicant in addition to his birthplace and that of his parents."

The Philadelphia FEPC was adopted last March 12 but critics charge that the FEPC commission has done little to date to enforce the law and has not even asked the City Council for an operating budget.

Critics also asserted that the commission has issued no information to employers interpreting the law.

Edelstein said that when the complaint comes up before the

commission, the Congress will ask for a thorough probe of employment practices in both companies.

### Argentine Police Seize Paraguay Jews

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—Seven Jews—including a 70-year-old woman and two children—were arrested this week by Argentine maritime police on an island near Buenos Aires.

The Jews arrived on the island illegally from Uruguay. They came to Uruguay by way of Paraguay and are said to have relations in Argentina. They were unable to obtain regular Argentine entrance visas.

### Post Advertising Pays

## German Gov't Won't Control DP Camps—Clay

FRANKFORT, Germany—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. Military Governor, said this week that the creation of a western German state will not harm the "extra-territorial" status of DPs.

At a press conference, Gen. Clay was asked whether, if any new regime received governmental authority, the German police would be permitted civil jurisdiction over DP camps.

He said the U.S. would retain authority "until the last displaced person leaves Germany."

A German reporter protested and asked what Clay intended to do about giving the German police the right to enter the DP camps.

"Nothing," the general snapped, "nothing at all—and one reason for that answer is the way you asked the question."

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## New York

## NEUMANN'S PLAN FOR FUTURE OF ZIONISM WOULD MEAN DISASTER

By M. Z. FRANK

I DID not like Emanuel Neumann's ideas on the future of the Zionist movement, when I first heard them expounded at a press conference; I did not like them when I heard them read from his address at the ZOA Convention in Pittsburgh; but now that I see that William Zuckerman likes them, what shall I say? Woe to the Zionism that William Zuckerman approves of!

Menachem Boraisha likes Neumann's thesis. Other Jewish writers in Yiddish, in English and in Hebrew have commented on it most favorably. I don't. I repeat what I said: these views are dangerous and unrealistic; the thesis is wrong from beginning to end.

Let me add this: I don't believe for a moment that Neumann really believes the things he says. He has been a militant, full-blooded Zionist all his life. I don't believe he has suddenly joined the camp of Morris Lazaron and Menachem Boraisha. I remember his remark to me that Achad Ha-am's Cultural Zionism has been a misfortune to the movement. I can't believe that he has suddenly embraced the diluted and emasculated Achad Ha'am of Mordecai Kaplan. I don't know what his motives or his purpose might be in propounding such views. But they are unworthy of the man who stood in the forefront of the battle for militant courageous Zionism against the timid souls, the very men who form today's opposition.

LIKE BERNADOTTE'S PLAN for Palestine, Neumann's Plans for the ZOA are mere "suggestions" and "guiding principles." Like Bernadotte's Plan, it strikes at the heart of Zionism. Fortunately, like Bernadotte's Plan, it is unrealizable.

**Zionism has taught the Jews to hold their heads high.** Neumann's Plan begins with trying to meet the scare of the dual loyalties accusation. Zionism has proclaimed and reaffirmed the unity of the Jewish People in the world. Neumann's Plan tries to create a stone wall between the Jews of America and the Jews of the State of Israel. Zionism—even the Cultural Zionism of Achad Ha-am—is based on the primacy of Palestine in spiritual and cultural vitality of the Jewish people.

Zionism is based on the idea—or rather on the obvious fact, obvious to all but dry-as-dust scholars, historians and doctrinaires—that the spiritual energy which has kept the Jews culturally creative for 1800 years, has now spent itself, that the source of Jewish civilization in the Diaspora has dried up, and that a new source is required. That source is a Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

Neumann, in his Presidential address in Pittsburgh, has gone to the extent of repeating the shallow platitudinous pulpitizing prattle about American Jewry someday creating a Babylonian Talmud and the Spanish Golden Era. Zionism has been the most democratic movement in Jewish life. Neumann wants to abolish parties in the Zionist movement and thereby abolish its democratic character. This makes Neumann's Plan no better than Montor's Plan.

IF NEUMANN'S PLAN should be carried into practice—and there isn't a ghost of a chance that it will—we would have a monster totalitarian machine controlling Jewish life in America, stifling social initiative, substituting a million-billion-catrillion Cultural Foundation for the fostering of Hebraic culture, snubbing the Jews of Palestine, holding a financial whip over them and hampering the flow of brotherly interaction between the Jewry of this country and the Jewry of Israel.

This, of course, is not the purpose Neumann had in mind. But that would be the inevitable effect.

SOME WRITERS complimented Neumann on the fact that he offered a plan for the future for the first time. One might also compliment him for his excellent wording and construction. If a man of lesser talent were concerned, these compliments would be in place. But of Emanuel Neumann one has a right to expect something better than just a well-worded and well-constructed plan.

Prefabricated housing is now Children's Village, sponsored by being used to meet housing requirements of newly-arrived orphans at the Bessie Gotsfeld Grael.

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## Orthodox Rabbi Calls Reform Judaism Empty, Conservative Catch-All; Decries "American Judaism"

MT. CARMEL, Pa.—An Orthodox rabbi charges that Reform Judaism in the United States has renounced almost all that is truly Jewish, and that Conservative Judaism is a catch-all sect which has failed to state its aims clearly despite much effort.

Rabbi Arthur Oles of Tifereth Israel Synagogue declared in his synagogue bulletin, Har Hacarmel, that some of the roots of efforts to create an American Judaism by such methods stemmed from a fear of identification with the Jewish people as a whole.

Rabbi Oles noted that recent developments had led some observers to remark that Reform Judaism was going right and Conservative Judaism left and that when they met "they would finally develop a truly American Judaism, of, by and for American Jews, that would no more carry the stigma of 'European origin'."

He asserted that these efforts really meant that "these 'American Jews' are afraid of, and trying to run away from, identification with the Jewish people as a whole."

### Israel Supreme Court Gets Bergson Case

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Israel Supreme Court this week began deliberations on a habeas corpus writ sought in behalf of Peter Bergson, who was arrested in the Altalena arms-running incident when Irgun troops battled the Israeli army.

Jacob Meridor, deputy chief of the Irgun, was arrested with Bergson on charges of responsibility in the Irgun attempt to crack the first United Nations truce.

Bergson, head of a world-wide movement dedicated to support of the Irgun through various front organizations, said he was well-treated in the secret place of detention where he has been placed. He told visitors he had no complaints about his physical treatment.

The habeas corpus writ was issued by the Tel Aviv district court.

### Iraq Provides Death For Zionist Activity

BAGDAD, Iraq—The Iraq Chamber of Deputies this week adopted a law making Zionist activity in Iraq a crime punishable by death or life imprisonment.

Zionism was placed in the category of political doctrines harmful to the state. The death sentence was reserved for Zionists in the armed forces.

### 1948 Night of Stars

NEW YORK—Nathan Straus, former U. S. Housing Commissioner, has been named general chairman for the 1948 Night of Stars, 15th annual all-star show Nov. 15 at Madison Square Garden for the United Jewish Appeal.

The Junior Mizrachi Women's Organization now numbers 10,000 young women working in 25 states.

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"One group, the American Council for Judaism, admits it openly," the rabbi asserted. "Others, stealthily feeling for their American birth or naturalization certificates in their pockets, support or even lead Zionist work, as long as it remains on the political level.

"But to be politically and religiously one with Jews in other countries is too much for them. And so they try to create the fiction of an American Judaism which would in effect completely break the bonds between them and the Jews elsewhere."

As a contrast, Rabbi Oles declared that there is an American Judaism "but it is the same as the English and Italian and Palestine Judaism with perhaps minor differences in outward forms."

He described it as a Judaism "unadulterated, undiluted, practiced by Jews in America." He said it was the Judaism that had built the State of Israel. "There is no Reform or Conservatism in Palestine and there never will be because the Jew in Palestine is proud of his Jewishness, because he is not afraid to show it."

### Coordination Efforts Started

## AMERICANS FOR HAGANAH OUT; MATERIAL FOR PALESTINE NEXT

NEW YORK—The first move of the Zionist Organization of America to carry out orders of the 51st annual convention to end some of the present overlapping and confusion in aid to Israel campaigns was announced this week in formation of Americans United for Israel.

Activities, until such functions are finished or absorbed by the new group.

### Materials For Palestine End

The group also announced that around that date, Materials for Palestine, a ZOA group, would be absorbed. The ZOA convention ordered a study made of this agency and its collection of non-contraband materials for Israel.

**Dissolution of Americans for Haganah, originally set up as a non-sectarian, non-political public relations group for the Jews of Palestine, was announced by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, AZEC chairman, who took the opportunity for another rap on the knuckles of American Jews aiding "independent military organizations such as the Irgun."**

"The Jewish Agency wishes to renew this request to Americans not to contribute to any campaigns under whatever name for the support of military organizations in Palestine," Dr. Silver said. "The Defense Army of Israel is not soliciting any funds in 'The Illegals,' and various other United States."

### PHILADELPHIA FRIEND TRAIN

## DROPPED FOR FOOD CAMPAIGN

By SAM BUSHMAN

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA—The Friendship Train for Israel of Philadelphia went out of business this week when its backers voted to put their energies behind a Food for Israel program organized by Materials for Palestine.

A spokesman for the Train committee said the action was taken because of "the vital nature of the food requests emanating from the office of Materials for Palestine."

Train laborers will be incorporated in the Zionist Organization of America project and the committee members are already hard at work collecting three commodities—canned beef, powdered eggs and canned

milk powder—for immediate shipment to Israel.

The committee members were warned that the beef must be kosher.

A special artists committee set up and headed by Robert Goldman, local artist, to paint posters for the Friendship Train also will join the Food for Israel drive.

Moshe Dove, head of the Friendship Train committee, said all other food obtained by the former Train committee members will be turned over to Service for Palestine, an agency of the Keren Hayesod. The three basic foods are for the Israeli army and all other collections will be distributed to the general Israeli population.



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## Conservative Judaism Approves All-Day Schools; Urges Abolition of Sunday Schools As Ineffective

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Conservative Judaism this week placed its stamp of approval on the Jewish all-day school movement and urged congregations "to pool their resources for the purpose of establishing such all-day schools."

The recommendation was contained in a report on "The Objectives and Standards for the Congregational School," issued by the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education, revised edition, 1948.

The report turned some heavy fire on Sunday schools, asserting that "tested experience has proved that the one-day-a-week school does not provide sufficient time and therefore cannot convey the basic knowledge of Hebrew and of other subjects necessary for the achievement of our objectives."

The report urged that "every effort should be made to eliminate the Sunday school" and said that "this goal has been achieved by a considerable number of congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue."

The report did not argue for a substitution of all-day schools, the subject of considerable debate in U. S. Jewish life, simply suggesting that conservative congregations give them serious consideration.

Suggesting major changes in the organization of the congregational school, the report said that "while the afternoon congregational school will constitute the basic pattern for Jewish education in our congregations, the value

of the all-day Jewish school must be recognized."

The report said it was vital that "a substantial minority" of Jewish children get the kind of Jewish education "which only a well-conducted all-day school can provide."

Without mentioning by detail charges recently made in Minneapolis that all-day schools were inconsistent with democratic education ideals, the report remarked that "such privately-financed religious schools in no way contradict the American democratic principles as applied to the education of the young. The public school was not intended to monopolize all educational activity."

The charge was made by Samuel Salkin, a Minneapolis Welfare Federation board official, who said such schools involved "ghettos for our children." (NJP June 4).

"The Jewish all-day school has proved itself capable of fulfilling the maximum requirements set by the American public school system and at the same time has integrated the American with the Jewish heritage," the report said.

"It is therefore highly desirable that congregations, wherever possible, pool their resources for the purpose of establishing such all-day schools," the report recommended. "Their graduates will constitute the main reservoir for a well-informed lay and professional leadership in American Jewry."

### KKK Very Progressive

### TELEVISION MAY BE USED

### TO SPREAD RACE HATE IN SOUTH

NEW YORK—The possibility that television, one of man's newest inventions, may be used to spread race hatred, one of the oldest, developed this week in Columbus, Ga., home of the Nazi-like Columbians.

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League charged this week that a new Ku Klux Klan chapter in that city, backed by a publisher of a hate sheet, is expressly permitted by its charter to enter the radio broadcasting and television field.

#### Hate Publisher Active

The League said the publisher is "Parson Jack" Johnston, self-styled Cyclops of the Columbus Klavern whose smear-paper uses Anti-Semitic propaganda to fight unions. The League quoted the National Labor Relations Board as saying that "a more venal sheet is hard to imagine."

Johnston has long been a defender of the Columbians, the League said, and one of Johnston's right-hand men in Klan organizing during the past 18 months has been James Akin, former recording secretary of the Columbians. The League said Akin held Columbians membership card No. 4.

The League said propaganda turned out by Johnston has included millions of the infamous Klansman-on-horseback stickers. The League said the stickers have been used in recent months to disfigure the doors of homes of Jews, Negroes and other persons the Klan wants to "keep in their place."

The League filed a complaint with the Senate Cub-Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures and with the Federation Communications Commission.

The sub-committee was asked to investigate forthcoming Sept. 8 congressional and state-wide primaries in Georgia and the FCC was asked to bar the new Klavern from going on the air.

The League charged that gubernatorial candidate Herman Talmadge has promised not to employ Jews in the state government. During public speeches, Talmadge frequently couples attacks on Negroes with attacks on "the Rosenwald crowd," the League said.

The new corporate charter approved by Judge T. Hicks Port, in defiance of the state's express revocation of the KKK charter under former Gov. Ellis Arnall, specifically authorizes broadcasting activity, the League said.

### Sells Home For Israel Tots

NEW YORK—A retired Philadelphia pharmacist sold his home this week and turned over the entire proceeds, \$25,000, as a loan to Progressive Palestine Projects, an American committee organized by Hashomer Hatzair.

Hyman Harris said that if he could have moved his home to Israel for use by children there, he would have done so. He said that since he couldn't, he had done "the next best thing."

Progressive Palestine Projects said it had raised more than \$100,000 for building and re-building children's villages in the 51 co-operative settlements of the Hashomer federation in Israel. The group is a left-wing branch of Labor Zionist youth and is well-known for its exceptional record of pioneering in Palestine agriculture and settlement building.

Committee spokesmen said the committee refuses gifts. It seeks loans on which it pays four percent interest and which are redeemable in 10 years.

### No Bergson Legion Fighting In Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—U.S. reports that a George Washington brigade of American volunteers is fighting in Palestine were dismissed this week by an Israeli army spokesman as completely untrue.

One of the Americans who arrived on the Irgun arms-running boat, the Altalena, said that about 20 Americans aboard were recruited by the George Washington Legion, which was set up early this year by the American League for a Free Palestine, major U. S. Bergson front group for the Irgun.

"The George Washington Brigade is not in action in this country and has not been heard of here," the Haganah Zavah spokesman said.

### 1st Youth Congregation Set Up in Euclid Temple

CLEVELAND—The first Young People's Congregation in the history of Euclid Avenue Temple was announced this week by Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner.

The plan, providing for establishment of a congregation of young people to operate within the framework of the regular congregation, was developed by Rabbi Brickner and the board of trustees headed by Otto J. Zinner.

The group will provide full privileges for young people up to the age of 35, Rabbi Brickner said, adding that more than 100 couples have already enrolled as charter members. Membership is open primarily to confirmants and children of temple members.

The new congregation is planning a program of religious, educational and social activities geared to the level of the needs of the membership. Plans include addition of another rabbi who will be assigned to the young people.

### Zionists Win Fight In British Synagogues

Jewish Telegraphic Agency LONDON—The United Synagogue Council this week unanimously endorsed Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie's message to Israeli President Chaim Weizmann, "rejoicing" in the restoration of the Jewish state and hoping for the establishment of "peace and understanding among the nations."

The unanimous approval by the largest and most influential synagogue body in England marks a decisive change of attitude towards Palestine in non-Zionist quarters since the last Council meeting, when a pro-Israel resolution was ruled out of order. Council chairman Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, in urging the unanimous adoption of the message, stressed the necessity for the United Synagogue's confining itself to religious and charitable work, but added that the resolution "expressed the religious outlook of our Palestine hopes."

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### Polish Jews Give Blood

WARSAW, (JTA)—The Central Jewish Committee of Poland this week announced the launching of a drive to collect blood plasma for the Israeli Army. In cooperation with TOZ, Polish air shipment to the Jewish state,

affiliate of the OSE, the Committee has arranged for Jews in cities throughout the country to donate blood in Polish Red Cross Centers which in turn will process the donations for immediate

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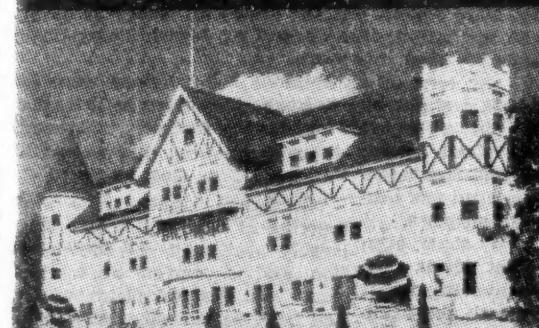
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**Our Film Folk****FOUR-MILLION DOLLAR STUDIO PLANNED IN ISRAEL-LEVIN**

By LEON GUTTERMAN

"**T**HE Illegals," new feature documentary about the Jewish underground railway used for DP's and other immigrants to Palestine, was produced at a cost of \$25,000, supplied by Americans for Haganah, Meyer Levin, writer-director-producer of the picture, revealed this week. Meyer contributed his services as did the non-professional actors, with only a small technical crew, including cameraman and film editor, receiving any pay. The film was made in Poland and other parts of Europe and on a ship crossing the Mediterranean.

Costs were held down considerably, Levin explained, by doing all the cutting and recording in Paris. He pointed out that recording charges were about sixty dollars an hour in Hollywood. The film was shot silent with a tape recorder for marking, and was later dubbed.

Traveling with various emigrant groups, Meyer staged the entire picture on location with two non-professionals as the leads. Because nine-tenths of the refugee ships were captured by the British, the problem of getting the film was solved by undercover means furnished by Haganah. Disposal of the final four rolls of film after the British captured the ship, however, was handled by Levin, who switched exposed with unexposed packs.

Asked about future production, Meyer disclosed he has a deal pending with Oved Ben Ami, mayor of Nathanya, coast city in Palestine, who is planning a studio there at a cost of about \$4,000. Ben Ami is the founder of the Palestine diamond-processing industry, now third largest in the world. Though Levin may work with Ben Ami, he said there were about a half dozen groups there with production plans. He has heard of at least five buying commissions here working for equipment.

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**F**OLLOWING is a letter from Fred Allen, who, after reading our column about Jack Benny, has this to say about his pal, Jack:

"Since I cannot come to Hollywood to tell you the real truth about Jack, I take this means of letting you know about the real Benny: Before shoes were invented Jack Benny was a heel. His false teeth are so loose they are always clicking. Jack has no more hair than an elbow. He is so anemic if he stays out at nights he has to get a transfusion so his eyes will be bloodshot in the morning. His feet are so flat he can wear a wheatcake for an arch-supporter. He has no bones. His shins are two xylophone notes stolen from an old vaudeville musician. If the musician ever takes his notes back Benny's shins will collapse and he will be two feet shorter. The reason Benny is now playing vaudeville is that he is visiting relatives in various parts of the country. He is too cheap to pay for hotel rooms. This makes the theatres he plays in the biggest flop houses in the world. During the night Benny is sleeping in his dressing room and during the day, when Benny is on the stage, the audience is sleeping in the theatre!"

**MORE JEWISH ORPHANS IN HOMES LESS IN INSTITUTIONS IN 1947**

NEW YORK—More Jewish orphans are being placed in foster homes and less in institutions, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reported this week.

More than 50 per cent of all children being helped were in foster homes in 1947, a slight increase over the figure in 1946, the CJFWF disclosed in a report based on analysis of all Jewish family agencies, child-care agencies, homes for the aged and hospitals under Jewish auspices.

The report said that even though employment levels continued high, the mounting cost of living affected both the agen-

**Costs Stop Building**

"Continued higher costs and scarcity of labor and materials largely postponed new construction and expansion of institutional and hospital plants which had been needed since the early war years," the report said.

Jewish family service agencies as a group reported a boost of more than one-third in the total amount of help given to clients, which reflected both the boost in living costs and increased service to immigrants.

In the field of Jewish hospital service, the total amount of

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**Orthodoxy's New Ways Women's Viewpoint**

## By HELEN COHEN

**F**OR sentence of the week I nominate this choice arrangement of words by Rabbi Milton Steinberg in his newly-revised edition of "The Making of the Modern Jew."

In answer to the charge that the new Jewish state will give Anti-Semites a chance to "bid the Jews to be gone to it," Rabbi Steinberg retorts:

"The Anti-Semite has never in the past been deterred from trying to get rid of the Jews by the humanitarian consideration that they had no place to go."

**T**HERE was only one thing missing Mr. Segal, from your charming column about the Jewess who attended mass every Sunday out of gratitude to the nuns in Europe who saved her life during the war.

The idea of Sunday as the day of worship was lifted directly from Judaism's Sabbath. We would be interested in finding out whether the lady was just as scrupulous in attendance at her own Sabbath services.

**K**EEPING up with our British cousins we find that at the annual meeting of the League for Jewish women a discussion was held to determine whether women who were members of the United Synagogue in their own right should have a vote in the synagogue.

"They were not asking for the right to take part in the services," according to the Jewish Chronicle of London, "but for the right to vote for the right sort of men to do the job. As an Orthodox Jewess, the leader of the discussion, Miss Miriam Moses, could see nothing to prevent women from voting."

And in another issue of the same paper, we find, as a fashion note, that milady is finally coming around to acceptance of the longer skirt. It is easy to guess that her position is a difficult one in view of the acute shortages in England.

For instance, there is an article by Ruby Worth that "the battle for women's fashions is being won by the forces of moderation . . . skirts, it is true, have dropped to a distinct length . . . in choosing the new outfit all but the wealthiest among us will keep one eye on future possibilities for conversion and adaptability. The full tweed dresses, for example, which were a feature of the recent Fashion Display at the Wool Secretariat, at which Princess Elizabeth was so interested a spectator, conjured up in the mind of many women an infinite number of pairs of pants for junior in the days to come. The same goes for the face-cloth dresses, while many of the new full prints will cut up into tiny frocks and sun suits for his sister."

**Plans But No Action**

Only a very slight increase was reported in the number of Jewish people getting old age care in homes for the aged and in institutional facilities but most Jewish Homes for the Aged still have long waiting lists.

Some of these homes made plans to expand but few got beyond the planning stage last year, the report said. Such expansions was planned in New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Miami, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh and Chicago.

**Youth Session at Herzl**

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Herzl Camp Association announced this week a special young adult session Aug. 22-30 for young persons ages 18 to 30. The session will be held at Herzl Camp on Devil's Lake at Webster, Wis.

Production of milk in Israel has fallen off during the recent fighting, particularly on the Jordan Valley settlements where dairy farming was highly developed. At least 300 milch-cows were killed during the fighting.

**I**KEEP trying to tell you women that you (we) talk too much and should mend your ways. Apparently this advice falls on deaf ears; witness this UP news item about the political doings in Philadelphia:

Cabbie Joe Perone has done a brisk business taking delegates to Convention Hall.

"The women," he says, "are the ones to drive a cabbie crazy. The men get in here and don't say anything about who they're for. But the women! They talk my ear off about their favorite candidate. They never mention their husbands. Just their candidate. You'd think they was in love with him."

**War Or No War Hebrew U. Works**

NEW YORK, (WNS)—The activities of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus "are going on with great intensity" despite war conditions during the past several months, it was declared here by Dr. Alexander Geiger, head of the University's physiology department.

Dr. Geiger, who arrived here recently by plane from Haifa, told a press conference at the headquarters of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, that teaching at the University was continued during the fighting in improvised lecture halls and that when hostilities were intensified a great part of the laboratory equipment was removed from the University and put in town in improvised laboratories, where the staff continued to work.

**Plenty of Courses**

NEW YORK—More than a dozen specialists will lecture at the Seminar on Yeshiva Education here during the first week of the five-week seminar on Yeshiva Education sponsored by Torah Umesorah July 19-Aug. 13. Federation," she said.

**Hadassah Pioneers In K.C. Fund Move**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—In what is believed to be one of the first such actions in any U. S. Jewish community, a Jewish group voluntarily waived its regular allocation from the local Federation to increase that Jewish community's contributions to Israel.

The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle reported that the city's Senior Hadassah chapter board voted to send all remaining project funds for immediate aid, in addition to giving up the chapter's usual allocation from the Jewish Federation and Council.

Mrs. A. Markus, newly-elected chapter president, told a board meeting that "in the fight for justice and a home for still homeless Jews, we can supply only financial assistance, the one concrete expression of moral support."

Consequently, the chapter voted "to waive the allocation Hadassah usually receives from the Federation," she said.

## SHOPPING IN ISRAEL NO CINCH WITH EGGS DOLLAR A DOZEN

NEW YORK—The average Israeli housewife, like her contemporary in the United States, has to worry about higher costs of everything in her budget, and like her western sister, she is spending the largest amount in her family budget for food.

Details of a struggle which is very familiar to the average U. S. housewife were outlined by Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

He said the typical Israeli family with two children, planning a budget on the basis of a moderate fixed income, needs at least \$300 a month to maintain its pre-war standard of living.

Before World War II, he said, this same family could live on a monthly income of \$90 which rose to about \$200 during the war and reached the \$300 mark early this year.

**Controls have kept rent in pre-war buildings the most stable item in the family budget. Monthly rental for one room, including steam and hot water, is about \$14. In buildings constructed since the end of the war, the rent runs \$30 to \$50 a month per room.**

The influx of immigrants has put an added

pinch on housing. In many cases two families share a small dwelling unit.

Before the war, Jewish families in the lower and middle classes spent 40 per cent of their income on food compared with the present outlay of more than 60 per cent.

Retail food prices have risen about 250 per cent between August, 1939 and January of this year. The price of a dozen eggs has bounced from 18 cents to \$1. A pound of butter sold for 56 cents. It now sells for around \$2.20. A liter of milk (somewhat less than a quart) went from nine to 27 cents.

Expenditures for shoes and clothing total around eight per cent of the family budget, with little increase over pre-war spending. Dr. Goldstein said that it appeared the Israel family tries to save mainly on wearing apparel.

Wages and salaries since 1939 through the start of this year have gone up 125 to 150 per cent. Earnings of skilled workers range between \$25 and \$40 a week and those of white collar and professional workers between \$115 and \$240 a month. Dr. Goldstein said the gap between average earnings and expenditures of \$300 a month means that more than one member of the family must, and usually does, work.

### What Foods These Morsels Be

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**L**IIGHT, tasty salad suggestions for a hot summer day, that can also serve as hors d'oeuvres.

#### STUFFED PINEAPPLE RINGS

Place rings of canned pineapple on lettuce leaves. Fill centers with a cheese or other mixture. Top with a red or green garnish.

#### STUFFED LEMONS

Cut off tips of lemons, so that lemons will stand upright; cut off tops, set aside to use for covers. Remove pulp of lemons, put shells in ice water to crisp. Refill shells with mixture desired (see below), top with pimento for color, and replace lemon tops. Serve on watercress.

#### STUFFED SMOKED SALMON

Cut salmon in thin strips 1 inch wide, and spread with mixture desired (see below). Roll strips up, impale on toothpicks and serve.

#### STUFFED TOMATOES

Select firm tomatoes (they need not be ripe), and remove the pulp. Salt lightly, and invert for an hour to drain. Refill tomatoes with mixture desired (see below). Serve on lettuce or watercress.

#### CELERI MIXTURE

2 cups chopped celery	2 tablespoons chopped olives
1/2 cup mayonnaise	2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

Chop ingredients very fine, and mix thoroughly.

#### CHEESE MIXTURES

**Number 1**

1 cup cottage or cream cheese	1/2 cup chopped pineapple, or
2 tablespoons cream, sweet	1/2 cup chopped olives, plain
or sour	or stuffed

1/2 cup chopped green peppers, or paprika	
1/2 cup chopped nuts, or	salt and pepper

Work cheese and cream together until smooth, chop other ingredients desired very fine, and mix thoroughly.

**Number 2**

1/2 cup cottage or cream cheese	1/2 cup marmalade
1 tablespoon cream	1/2 cup pecans, chopped very fine

Work cheese and cream together until smooth, add marmalade and chopped pecans and mix thoroughly.

#### CHICKEN MIXTURE

1 cup cooked chicken	1 teaspoon horseradish, if desired
1/2 cup chopped pickled cucumber	1 tablespoon catsup or prepared
1 hard-cooked egg	mild mustard
	salt and pepper

Put chicken and egg through the food chopper, mix thoroughly with remaining ingredients.

The Post will send one of Tini Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."

#### Arab Property Protected

TEL AVIV, Israel—An Israeli government official said this week that Arab fields from which their owners have fled are under government custody and the harvesting of the crops is being supervised by the Israeli custodian of Arab Property.

#### Israëli Boost Eggs

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Poultry Dressers Association reported this week that there has been a considerable rise in orders for hatching eggs and chicks from settlements in areas not directly affected by the fighting.

For a Quick Summer Meal

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### Cantor Sends SOS



**HOLLYWOOD** — Just before sailing for Europe, comedian Eddie Cantor recorded radio appeals for the 1948 fall drive of Supplies for Overseas Survivors. The comic is shown here pointing to a typical SOS shopping bag used in a house-to-house collection recently.

### N. Y. Center Gives To UJA From Capital

NEW YORK—The Brooklyn Jewish center announced this week it had contributed \$10,000 from its capital funds to the United Jewish Appeal, the first time the institution has ever made a gift from its capital for any fund.

Judge Emanuel Greenberg, Center president, said that in addition to the outright gift, the center has opened a campaign for additional UJA contributions from its members, seeking \$500,000, even though most of them have already given.

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### The Record Rack

#### "ISRAEL IN SONG" IS GOOD BUT COULD BE MUCH BETTER

"Israel In Song," presented by the Palestine Art Corp., Nahum Nardi, composer and accompanist; four 10-inch records; distributed in the United States by Junior Hadassah.

With this issue, The National Jewish Post opens a new department for reviews of new records in the Palestine and Jewish music field. Reviews in "The Record Rack" will be handled at a critical level for music lovers who want to learn not merely about such records but also want to know how the new discs rate as to quality of presentation and mechanical excellence.

"Israel in Song" is another momento to the fusion of American Jewish middle class Zionism and the cooperative-minded commonwealth of Israel. These songs, representing a tribute to the spirit of the Palestine pioneer, are being distributed by Junior Hadassah.

With a bow in the direction of Plugat Aliyah, the General Zionist organ for training U.S. Jewish youth for collective living in Palestine, and with acknowledgement that Plugat Aliyah had its inception in the idealism of some Junior Hadassah girls, the contrast still remains a striking one.

Junior Hadassah still remains essentially a collection of fine young American Jewesses whose diffuse approach to Zionism has not been notable for direct personal identification with Chalutz dedication to the soil, nor for appreciation of Chalutz rejection of personal advancement.

This album contains four records with eight songs which vary considerably in beauty of phrasing, surface clarity and tonal balance. Standards of recent Palestine records have not been particularly high measured by the quality American and European companies have put into their albums.

Within these limitations, "Israel in Song" is a worthwhile item for record collectors whose psychology includes an interest in Palestine. The Palestine Art Corp. took for granted the thoroughgoing ignorance of American Jews about almost all phases of Israel life and culture. Hence each record includes a brief introduction in English which adds considerably to the value of the album.

Reina Weitz, who handles most of the feminine solos, lacks the fire which some of the songs demand. None of the records, in that respect, match the blazing vitality of the best records in "Haganah—Songs of the Jewish Underground." "Stamp Your Feet," a hora melody, makes fine listening but its tempo is not a hora tempo.

Edgar Mills, who sings in several umnist and reporter.

eral of the records, is the best voice in the album and is especially good in "Hymn to Labor." The surface on this record of the review copy is poor, however, and the beautiful chorus in the latter part of the record is blurred.

It may be pointless to insist on high standards of technical excellence in these records and this department is well aware of the problems in producing these recordings. Still, it is unwise to depend for sales only on U.S. Jewry's delighted fascination with the kind of Jew modern Zionism has produced.

Many such Jews will buy this album simply because it is an album of Israel songs but if these recordings are ever to appeal to a majority of Jews literate enough to appreciate them, both musical and production standards will have to be pushed up considerably.

These critical notes aside, "Israel in Song" is noteworthy for one characteristic. The album burns with Jewish nationalism, with Jewish defiance of centuries of oppression; with Jewish faith in its capacity to mold its own destiny in its own land.

For that along, this album is well worth owning.

### Stone's Second Book On Israel Announced

NEW YORK—I. F. Stone's second book on the Israel fight, "This is Israel," will be published by Boni and Gaer in September, covering Stone's experiences in the new Jewish state on his fourth trip to Palestine.

His first book, "Underground to Palestine," marked Stone's return to his people after a long successful career as a Washington columnist and reporter.

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Succoth Mon. & Tues., Oct. 18-19  
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Passover Thurs., April 14  
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(All holidays begin on the preceding evening at sundown).

Friday, July 23, 1948

## The Editor's Chair

HERE'S a letter which needs no foreword. I omit the name of the rabbi, although a good many readers will have no difficulty in identifying him. What he is doing is exciting, and I don't have to point out the very apparent enthusiasm revealed all the way through his letter. I guess many of you will have the same reaction as I have—you would like to be a member of such a congregation.

For a period of more than a year before he took the step, we used to talk over whenever we had a chance the possibilities of a seasoned, capable rabbi, such as he is in starting completely from scratch, which as you will see is exactly what he is doing. Normally a letter on the subject of the details of running a congregation would be totally uninteresting to a lay person, but read it and see if you don't get the same impression of high drama as I received.

"When I started last Rosh Hashanah in September of 1947 we had around 40 families—members. The congregation had been in existence some six months. It had met in a home. It had a free rabbi served to them by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It had expended some \$900. In the short space of ten months we grew from 40 to 225 members. We had actually acquired and expended a budget in excess of \$30,000. We had gotten together an average attendance of some 200 each Friday night. A religious school of 150. A high school age youth group of over 75. A college age youth group of 200. A sisterhood of over 100. We expect 400 members by Rosh Hashanah of this year . . . all in one year. The prospects are unlimited.

"But that is not the romantic side of the picture, really. What is romantic is the truly free synagogue pattern and the possibilities of the spiritual blueprint that can be followed. When Maurice Samuel spoke to us in June before a pretty packed house he was excited. He called the next morning to say he was literally moved by what is going on in . . . He saw, barring depression, etc., the development of a distinctly new pattern in American Israel so far as synagogue life is concerned.

"And I know what he was referring to. You see, Gabe, I came here in a nominally orthodox background community. What I mean is that most of the people have orthodox memories and are more or less associated with the ways of their father. I introduced a different reform Judaism to them. What kind of Re-

# Editorial Page

## The ZOA Convention

THE letter by Carl Alpert complaining about the one-sided report of the convention of the ZOA convention in the NJPost and the letter suggesting that open balloting for candidates is more democratic than the closed ballot both deserve answers because they err on important points involving issues on which the thinking should be clarified.

Concerning for Mr. Alpert: he made the same complaint about our coverage of past years. If The Post were a history book, then he would be right in demanding that we play down the fights and reports in favor of trends and influences and other less glamorous aspects of these conventions.

But what the delegates do makes the news at the convention, not what Mr. Alpert thinks the delegates or the convention should do. At Pittsburgh, the principal attention of the delegates was centered on the fight between the administration and the Committee for Progressive Zionism. From a reportorial stand-

point the Post covered that fight in all its particulars and implications.

The education work done at the convention was more prosaic, and less interesting. Most delegates in reporting to the meetings of their local districts will not even mention, unfortunately, what the convention decided to do about the education work of the ZOA.

As for the closed ballot issue, there are two main considerations. When voting on candidates, the closed ballot is the only democratic way. When voting on issues, however, an open vote is the fullest realization of democracy. Our critics fails to make this distinction.

Then there is this point too: the demand of the CPZ was not alone for closed balloting, but for closed alphabetical balloting. That would mean that instead of voting for states, the electors would vote for individuals. The names, if the CPZ had had their way, would have been listed on the ballot in alphabetical arrangement.

## No Cause For Rejoicing

WHEN Rabbi Arthur Oles, in his attempt to discredit the sincere attempts by both Reform and Conservatism to make Judaism meaningful for the American Jew, says that in Palestine there "is no Reform or Conservatism," he is oversimplifying, and also far from accurate.

If there is no noteworthy Reform or Conservatism movement in Palestine, it is not because all the Israelis are firm and enthusiastic adherents of Orthodoxy. Actually what is taking place, is a complete drifting away by many segments from any specific religious observance at all. This is certainly nothing for Orthodoxy to boast about.

Observers, who may be either keen analysts or merely apologists, point out that life and

work in Palestine is a kind of religion of itself. They say that the pioneer is the true religious man, although he may even call himself an Atheist.

What Rabbi Oles is describing as a beneficial situation is really on that may be cause for serious concern.

The Post believes that Judaism in Israel will evolve too and evolve away from the type of Judaism practiced in Europe. This does not mean that it will be a Reform Judaism or a Conservative Judaism. It means that it will be a Judaism that will be natural to the citizen of Israel; so natural that it will be a part of his daily existence and not a separate adjunct to his life as it is in the United States.

## Utter Nonsense

THE letters complaining about the stand of the NJPost on Rabbi Schultz's American Jewish League Against Communism all seemed to make a common point, which to The Post, is the giveaway. The letters charged that The Post's criticism of the Catholic War Veterans made The Post anti-Catholic.

This is utter nonsense.

Does The Post have to approve everything any Catholic group does?

If that were all to the arguments of these defenders of this newest of the many agencies in the Jewish field, The Post would ignore it. But the fact that this group is willing to stoop so low as to call a publication anti-Catholic for challenging the action of a Catholic group indicates not only the calibre of their thinking, but the ends to which they will go to achieve their point.

## Current Comment

Need for World Congress Defended by Dr. Nahum Goldman, Chairman of The Executive Committee Before Its Recent Plenary Assembly—The World Jewish Congress does not intend to represent, still less to create, a Jewish political nation in the Diaspora. So far as the Jews are a nation, in the legal and political meaning of this term, the Jewish nation is represented by the Jewish citizens of the State of Israel. As I said before, the definition of what constitutes a Jew is unimportant for the problem of the World Jewish Congress. Whatever we are by theoretical definition (I personally believe, and have long believed, that there is no non-Hebrew term defining properly the collective entity called the Jewish people) what is essential is to recognize that this entity has the right and the duty to organize itself for common activity and to do it in an open, public, and organized manner.

Where is it laid down that only "nations" have international organizations? Are there no international organizations representing churches, social groups, trade unions, writers, and all kinds of collective conglomerations of individuals, based on professional, social and other common interests? If we recognize that there are problems common to Jews all over the world, which are best dealt with by common approach, by co-operation and co-ordination, the existence of the World Jewish Congress is fully justified, and is indeed essential. As a matter of fact, the opponents of the Congress admit both assumptions. They admit the existence of common Jewish interests, and even the need of common action. What they object to is the existence of one organization—they would rather do it by some form of

permanent co-operation between many organizations. They have even gone so far as to forget their opposition to the principle of a world Jewish organization when they tried to get consultative status with the United Nations. Three of these bodies, outstanding opponents of the principle of one World Jewish organization, have created an ad hoc committee, pretending to be a world organization, since they could not hope for admission otherwise. With no desire to indulge in polemics, or to offend anyone, may I ask in all fairness of men like the president of the American Jewish Committee and the Anglo-Jewish Association, why it should be permissible and fair for them to establish themselves as parts of an international body for the sake of securing United Nations recognition, and unfair to do it for the sake of serving the Jewish people and discharging important duties to the Jewish people? The whole discussion is really meaningless. The exigencies of Jewish life have brought about practical recognition by everyone of the existence of common Jewish problems and the need for trying to solve them by common action. What our opponents still fear is taking the last step: admitting the need for an efficient international world organization acting for these common interests.

I am convinced that the time is not far off when they, too, will have to take this last step—just as the so-called non-Zionists of the Jewish Agency of yesterday have adopted the program of the Jewish State (late indeed, but not too late), so they will now have to adopt. I hope again not too late, the principle of a world Jewish organization.

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### CARL ALPERT SAYS NJP POOR ON ZOA MEET; OTHER READERS CHEER

Editor, National Jewish Post: Editor, National Jewish Post:

The editor of the Jewish Post was so absorbed by the political machinations of the "opposition" at the Zionist convention that while he devoted several pages to detailed reporting on the juicy internal politics of the convention, he missed completely the more important deliberations and decisions of the gathering.

The reader of last week's Post found nowhere in his paper any mention of the significant discussions on Zionist and Jewish education, on the new functions of the Zionist organization in the field of economic assistance to Israel, on the searching exploration of the future of American Jewry.

Mr. Cohen regarded all these matters as unimportant compared to the rather spectacular political jockeying at the "hot" sessions of what, in best yellow journalism style, he terms a "rowdy convention."

I am afraid he has let his readers down rather badly.

CARL ALPERT.

N.Y.C.

### Defends ZOA Stand On Open Ballot

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your report on the convention of the Zionist Organization of America was very interesting. However, you seem to have passed over various factors of vital importance.

The question of a secret ballot among the delegates assembled was actually no issue. The delegates represented constituents and were not actually individuals in their own right. Their votes on specific issues were public property and their constituents had a right to know how they voted.

This is similar to the functions and operations at a Democratic or Republican convention. This was not a national election or a time where individuals voted according to their individual opinion.

It would certainly be a fine thing if Congress would use the secret ballot and the people who elected the Congressmen did not know how they voted on any issues.

JOE ALPERT  
N. Brunswick, N. J.

### They Hail NJP Report On ZOA

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your writeup of the ZOA convention was superb. People who attended the convention told me they found out through The Post what went on better than they did through their own eyes. Heartiest bravos!

RABBI SAMEUL SILVER  
Cleveland, O.

### YOUNG ISRAEL HAS PIONEERED IN ADULT EDUCATION, SAYS POPLACK

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your editorial on the problems of adult Jewish education in the United States in the June 11th issue prompts me to call to your attention a job that is today being done on the adult education scene in the light of which Rabbi Adler's "retreat" experiment which has achieved wide pales into insignificance. I am referring to the Young Israel Institute for Jewish Studies, sponsored by the National Council of Young Israel, 3 W. 16th Street in New York, an organization whose existence and accomplishments you seem to show little knowledge of.

This Institute for Jewish Studies, actually only one of the many phases of the work of the National Council of Young Israel, is now completing its third academic year. In its first year there was a registration of 120 pupils in 20 classes; in the second year, 716 pupils in 28 classes; and this year, 1010 pupils in 38 classes.

We members of Young Israel, and there are some 30,000 of us belonging to over 70 branches throughout the country, believe that if, in your own words, "a significant step towards solving this vexing problem has been made," then the National Council of Young Israel has pioneered in taking this step. While the surprised and, I believe, greatly general principle of a retreat is inspired at the sight of a throng sound and desirable, you will find the Sabbath program attended by the overwhelming majority of delegates. Sunday is devoted to a full agenda of business that has to do with the fundamental questions of Jewish life. But the Sabbath is completely devoted to traditional observance. You would be pleasantly surprised and, I believe, greatly admit that it is certainly impractical in dealing with numbers. A glance at the Institute bulletin or an annual report reveals many interesting facts about the school curriculum, staff and schedule. The Institute is under the direction of Rabbi Dr. Samson R. Weiss, who I am sure will be glad to make available to you any further information you might want.

It will interest you to know that a similar Institute, patterned Detroit

### The Editor's Chair (continued from preceding page)

Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs of Jewish texture. Liberalism, rationalism in education, rationalism in education with emphasis on art forms for the emotion. Nothing new, certainly not. But when you take a Reform rabbi from . . . with a decidedly Yiddish yen and a Reform attitude toward tradition and with possibilities of dramatizing constantly the eternal values of Israel in a young congregation that appreciates beauty, you've got something a little different. It isn't conservative because I don't pretend to keep the quantity of traditions the conservative synagogue does. It isn't reform if you measure reform by what goes on in many a Reform Temple with which you must be, alas, all too familiar. And it isn't Orthodox, God knows.

"And central to this whole process is pulpit explanations. I cannot stress this too strongly. Every service I usually stop somewhere in the middle of a prayer and say: 'I would like your permission to explain the origin of this prayer, or the origin of this custom, or the meaning of this literary expression.' Then follows five or ten minutes of discussion of that particular subject. I tell them where to look for further details. I have books handy. So the synagogue becomes also in the literal sense a 'Bet Hamidrash' as well as 'Bet HaKnesses' and 'Bet Hatfilo.'

"I am more convinced than ever that the reason for the ineffectiveness of the American Rabbinate is the fact that rabbis are held back by fears of their boards of trustees and members. It is a profession that earns a living rather than leads daringly. There is only one hope for American Jewry—new congregations. But the leaders of the new congregations cannot be young men who are just graduating the seminary. Such people (I was one of them) want a job and want a chance to carve their name in the niche of destiny. No, Gabe. It must be more mature men who are in rebellion against the shackles that prevent them from undertaking experiments—daring experiments—needed to make Jewish religion enjoyable to Jews. Otherwise we shall have the present crops of rabbis succeeded by crops of future rabbis the same status quo, the same dullness, the same brick and mortar.

"Out of my experiences in . . . often frustrating efforts—I came to the sharp and definite conclusion that American Israel has a chance to be as wonderful a community as the golden Spanish Jewry was providing:

"a. It loved to be Jewish as the Spanish Jews did. The American Jews don't.

"b. It enjoyed being Jewish—American Jews don't.

"c. It read Jewish things (Jewish Publication books for example) and helped make them their own best sellers to some reasonable degree.

"d. It built respect for Judaism the way Protestants and Catholics constantly build respect for their denominations.

"e. It refused honors to Jews in both synagogues, Union of American Hebrew Congregational, B'nai B'rith, etc., unless said Jews qualified by being both pious and reasonably learned.

"When you are in . . . you will have to take a night off some time to see whether this outline has any substance in fact. It is but the beginning of a pattern.

RABBI ALVIN M. POPLACK

### HOW THE SITUATION LOOKS NOW TO AN ADMIRER OF IRGUN FIGHTERS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Allow me to make a few remarks in reference to the Irgun incident at Tel Aviv.

The Irgun is a body of brave Hebrews who did a lot for their people and Jewish nation. To this fact nobody will say it is not true. Jews such as Dov Gruner, Dov Rosenbaum, Eliezer Koshoni, Mordechai Alkachi and others who gave their lives that Israel should today be free will not be forgotten in Israel's history.

In short, all those heroic types were Irgun if I am not mistaken. Therefore, their work as a separate military body was a necessity while the enemy—Britain—was master over Israel's territory. However, now, as the British have left Israel's homeland and the Jews are a free nation in

Israel, it is thus a must for the Irgun to cease to be a separate military body outside of Israel's army, for one Government and one army must exist at all times in Israel. It is thus treason for the Irgun or any other body to continue their previous military activities; only in a united front will Israel live and overcome all enemies.

The Irgun have two paths open for them to illustrate to their people and to the world their goal. One is to join the fight as part of the Israeli army. The second is to seek their political aims at the polls. This will bring a peaceful solution to these differences and peace will reign in Israel now and forever.

HARRY GREENBERG  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

### STRESS ON KASHRUTH MISPLACED; REAL PROBLEM "APPALING IGNORANCE"

Editor, National Jewish Post:

It must be some sort of commentary on Judaism and Jewish life in these confused times when one finds an editorial dealing with the advertising of non-Kosher food items in the Anglo-Jewish press in your issue of June 18 while on another page of the same issue is a column by Helen Cohen urging the need for taking another look at the ramifications of the Mosaic dietary laws.

After finding myself in hearty accord with Helen Cohen's sentiments it came as a dash of cold water down one's back to read your viewpoint on a slightly different angle of the same problem.

It strikes me as an instance of extending "the fence around the law" to which she refers to still another precinct—namely, the fourth estate. How far is that removed from having "thought police" to keep us all in line so that we don't make any improper "breaks?" And your statement "why this slap at the face at this segment of Jewry which places great faith in the laws of Kashruth" seems to invite the rejoinder

I do not know now how it will develop, but if it can lead to cultivated Jews, it will be all right. I did not mention that one important aspect of this program calls for a minimum of two intensive adult study groups meeting at least once each fortnight in homes of members with seminar approach as I used to do in . . . mimeographed materials and syllabi of Jewish subjects distributed in advance with books to be reported on. I guess being a Jew is more than a week end proposition (Friday nights) or annual proposition (holy days). It is a moot question as to whether the modern Jewish community can recover in the true and pious sense that which has disintegrated and been lost—the torah Jew and Talmud Jew of the centuries. When I can get my people to begin reading Rabbi Hertz's commentary weekly as they read the Nation or Life magazine I can tell about an affirmative answer. For Judaism, Gabe, is really a state of mind rather than a lot of schmoos in sermons and a lot of empty ceremonials performed without much enthusiasm."

SAM O. BOOKIN  
Ottumwa, Ia.

### WITH THE RABBIS

Rabbi and Mrs. Tibor Stern of Kansas City announce the birth of a daughter, Geulah. Rabbi A. Weinschneider of Oakland, Calif., came to Kansas City for the naming ceremony. He is the father of Mrs. Stern.

Rabbi Mourvin J. Elefant, dean of the Hartford, Conn., Yeshiva, has resigned to take a position next month as rabbi of Hunts Point Center, Hunts Point, N. Y.

Members of the Ohel Israel Skoler synagogue in Hendon, England, gave a farewell reception to Rabbi Israel Rabinowitz, who is leaving for the U. S.

By latest count there are 173 local chapters of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America.

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## Science Examines The Jew

REPORTING ON THE FIRST TRY  
AT MEASURING ANTI-SEMITISM II

By BEN GALLOR

NY EFFORT to measure concretely the degree of Anti-Semitic feelings in people is naturally full of pitfalls. When two University of California psychologists set out to try it, they spent a great deal of time spotting the "holes and trying to avoid them.

As was reported in this corner last week, the work of Daniel J. Levinson and R. Nevitt Sanford in building "A Scale for the Measurement of Anti-Semitism," (Journal of Psychology, April, 1944) started out with the assumption that there is no point in trying to measure LACK of prejudice.

The psychologists argued that when a person is confronted with a specific Anti-Semitic situation, whether in a questionnaire or in a street brawl, the deciding factor in his behavior probably will be his readiness to side with or against "the Jews." Tolerance means neutrality and in such cases, the psychologists argued, there can be no neutrality.

Levinson and Sanford then considered the problem of placing items on their scale which would cover completely the standard notions of hate specialists and of their conscious and unconscious (the word is used here as a psychological term, not as a descriptive comment) followers.

## Will Everybody Understand?

Obviously some persons taking the scale might not understand some of the items. A subject might find some items whose con-

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and to feel that strong measures to exclude and suppress Jews are necessary.

Subjects scoring near the middle would be more mixed. A middle score would represent either slight rejection or slight acceptance of most of the ideas. It could also represent great ambivalence (simultaneously held feelings of attraction and repulsion in the same person) with strong agreement on some items and strong disagreement with others.

(Whether the scale actually WILL measure such degrees of difference is of course a matter to be clarified in applying the test to thousands of people under varying circumstances, with the results then measured against their pro-Semitic or Anti-Semitic behavior).

So much for the quantitative aspects of the scale. What about questions on its QUALITATIVE value?

The psychologists argued that a scale should determine more than the DEGREE of Anti-Semitic feeling of a person. It should also provide a basis for further study and understanding.

In preparing the scale, consequently, they kept in mind three qualitative considerations:

1. The scale should try to throw some light on the nature of Anti-Semitic ideology; it should make clear the fundamental irrationality and self-contradictoriness of Anti-Semitic generalities and charges; and it should do this not as a matter of theory or "common sense" but in the course of using the scale on real people.

2. The scale should clarify the relationship between opinions and attitudes; this would be the difference between a person's ideas of what Jews are like, and what he thinks should be done to, for or against the Jews.

3. The scale should be broad enough so that it could be used to determine variations in the content of Anti-Semitism from group to group and from area to area in the total population. It should not, for instance, be written in such complicated language that it could be used only on college students.

It is worth noting that the first point in this list bears directly on a theory which has been widely accepted by both leaders and followers in the battle by Jews against Anti-Semitism. As far as the authors of this scale are concerned, ALL charges that come from the cesspool of Anti-Semitism are unworthy of serious consideration.

In effect the psychologists say: There is no use whatever in trying to disprove such charges. All efforts by Jews to "answer" such charges are worthless as a technique for dealing with Anti-Semitic statements. The nature of this bigotry is such that reasoned analysis is meaningless.

The defender may prove with unimpeachable facts and irrefutable logic that not all Jews are communists but what good is that effort when the same "mind" that believes all Jews are communists is just as positive that Jews control the banking system?

Next week, this department will reprint the complete Levinson-Sanford scale.

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## Jews In Sports

ABE SAPERSTEIN PERSUADED  
INDIANS TO TRY OLD SATCHEL

By HASKELL COHEN

ABE Saperstein is back in the news with his scouting for the Cleveland Indians. As a result of Abe's salesmanship the Indians have acquired ancient Satchel Paige to bolster their sagging mound staff. Abe, major domo in charge of colored baseball, brought in several colored hurlers to the Cleveland club and when they didn't show too much, Abe insisted on giving Satchel a chance. Paige, way over 40 years old, hurled against Manager Lou Boudreau in a secret practice session and convinced the young skipper that he still had a lot on the ball. Shortly after Paige was signed the Indians lined up an outfielder by the name of Smith from the colored Cleveland Buckeye nine. Now if Abe can only line up a few Jewish ball players for the Tribe everything will be hunky dory.



ON the recent eastern invasion of the St. Louis Cardinals Tony Kaufmann, third base coach of the Redbirds, spoke for three days concerning the throwing arm of Sid Gordon.

"I always thought Jack Lohrke owned the best arm in the league today," Kaufmann said, during the recent four game series in three days at the Polo Grounds, "but Gordon's got him beat."

When Kaufmann was at Rochester and Gordon at Jersey City in the International League, the first thing Kaufmann wrote in his report on Gordon was:

"The best throwing arm I have ever seen, good hit with fair speed."

According to Kaufmann, the throw that convinced him that Gordon possessed the best whip in the league was one Sid made the last time the Giants were in St. Louis.

"The ball was about two feet off the ground when it passed behind the pitcher's box," Kaufmann said. "When Johnny Mize stretched for the throw it landed in his glove letter high, such was the force behind the ball."

What makes Gordon's throwing all the more impressive," Kaufmann added, "is that he can unleash the throw at full speed without winding up. Most of the infielders with good arms have to rear back, wind up and then let go."

OSCAR Salenger, Chicago lawyer who bought the Milwaukee franchise and later sold it is having trouble with stockholders in Sacramento. He is proxy of the west coast club. He has given Yubi Separovich, general manager, a four-week option to buy him out and the Pacific Coast League, meanwhile, has stepped in and authorized President Clarence Rowland to protect the league's interests in Sacramento.

Separovich said Salenger had never paid him for his 600 shares of stock and that Oscar owns only 630 of the 2,500 shares, which does not come close to giving him control of the club. Separovich declares he has not made up his mind as to whether he will exercise the option to buy out Salenger, but he consulted his attorney and the club's legal staff.

## Shorts

Israeli Soccer Team  
To Tour U. S. Again

TEL AVIV (WNS)—Plans for a tour of the U.S. by an all-star Israeli soccer team, to be selected mainly from the Maccabi, Betar and Hapoel teams, were announced here this week.

The team is expected to reach the United States in September. In its tour of the U.S. last year, the Hapoel team gained three victories and four ties against four defeats.

of the country. Currently, the Derby with Syd Cohen of Chicago as manager, is appearing in Minneapolis after a highly successful showing in Columbus.

New York now claims one of the world's best feminine table tennis star. She's Mrs. Albert Neuberger, formerly Miss Leah Thall of Columbus, Ohio.

Charles Ornstein of New York, treasurer of the American Amateur Union, is in London with the United States Olympic team. And he's being kept quite busy with his many duties.

Louis Feinstein, a left handed pitcher owned by the New York Yankee baseball chain, has been shifted to Newark in the Ohio-Indiana league. Formerly he was with the Easton in the Eastern Shore league. His home is in New Jersey.

## Plenty Manpower

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Southern District No. 7 of B'nai B'rith, organized in 1873, has more than 15,500 members in the seven states of the district.

## Plain Talk

## SMALL-TOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY DEFIES THEORY, HOLDS TO TORAH

By AL SEGAL

IRON RIVER, Mich.: You've never heard of Iron River? (Population 4,000 and some). Well, I should tell you. It's in the Upper Peninsula of the state of Michigan, which means far up north. If you drive up from Duluth you get suggestions of primitive life. You meet numerous deer along the way; they stand trembling beside the road transfixed with fright by the glare of your auto lights; or a porcupine scurries across in front of you.



You could call Iron River a sequestered spot in the land were it not that in these times the radio and the auto expose the most sequestered places to the noisy traffic of the world. In Iron River I get the same boogie-woogie by which the radio irritates me in my home-town some 800 miles away; the same wise-crackers, the same quiz show that offers \$20,000 in prizes to the one who guesses the name of the first president of the U. S.

In Iron River I have been having my vacation at the home of relatives, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Plous. Yes, in Iron River you find all the apertures of today's life, including the Jewish problem. You think, well, here is one place a Jewish problem can't find you. You sit around with people amid the local primeval forests and all at once somebody asks what you think of the Palestine situation. And pretty soon you are exchanging problems with one of the girls of the numerous Plous kin who is very Zionist.

SO YOU MARVEL at the vigor of Jewish life which keeps flowing so strong even so far away from the main streams as Iron River. Though I am on vacation and supposed to be released from all that, I fall into my columnar habit and ask questions: How many Jews are there here? And how did they manage to find this place so remote from the beaten paths? And how Jewish are they? And what do they do about being Jewish? And is it hard to be a Jew? Any anti-Semitism, that is? And how do the Jews stand in the community?

It's Morris Plous who has the answers. He is the local Jewish patriarch, what with his six

sons and daughters and his ten grandchildren. He is a pioneer here, you might say, one of the first Jews to settle in Iron River, leader of the Jewish community, founder of the Iron River synagogue, one of the guardians of the good name of Israel hereabouts. He came here 50 years ago, an immigrant from Europe. He is one of the type that by self-ordination, by no authority save their early religious teaching, set up the Torah wherever they settled, established synagogues in whatever back room they could rent, dedicated themselves to bring up their children in the faith.

Morris Plous started as a peddler on the country-side. He now has the Chicago store of Iron River. His fortune is modest. He used to lead the prayers in the Iron River synagogue in the Orthodox pattern. Judaism remains strictly Orthodox here—a fact that isn't at all in line with the original Reform idea. Reform was invented for the survival of Judaism in just such small, remote places as Iron River. It was thought that Judaism in its stricter form could not long live in towns and villages far from the big cities. The easier practice of Reform would be a happy compromise by which Judaism would continue to live and prosper in communities as distant as Iron River.

BUT IN IRON RIVER, Orthodoxy remains as vigorous as when it was brought here by the first immigrants in the early 90's. Nobody here ever has thought of turning Reform, or of needing it, even among the young who have taken up where their sainted elders leave off when they move to Chicago. Chicago is where most of the Iron River Jews go to be buried in Orthodox cemeteries. From Milwaukee and Duluth, Iron River gets its kosher meat.

There was a long time when the Iron River synagogue was in a hired hall but now it has a neat house of its own, all paid for. (\$8,000). True, its ritual function is practiced only on the holidays and on jahrzeit occasions, but as the social center of communal Jewish life it's continuously a busy house. There the Hadassah women, the Zionists and B'nai B'rith have their meetings. And how many people are in the membership of the synagogue? There are some 30 families in it and these are not all inhabitants of pened to get here."

"And, Mr. Plous, how did you happen to come to Iron River all the way from the old country? To go wandering in the world and to discover Iron River?"

"How did most immigrants find the places they settled in? We followed relatives. I had a brother-in-law, Ely Miller, who was here ahead of me and here I came and settled and raised my family. I can't remember how Ely hap-

## Dr. Solis-Cohen Dies At Age of 90

PHILADELPHIA — (NJP) — Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen, distinguished physician, poet, scholar and civic leader, died last week after a long illness. He was 90.

World-famous in several fields, he was the oldest living member of a family that has been prominent in Philadelphia's intellectual life since before the American Revolution.

As a physician he was a leading authority on drugs, discoverer of the physical basis of allergies and a faculty member of Jefferson Medical College for 43 years. He was a leader in the local Jewish community and a member of Mikveh Israel Congregation.

Iron River. They are also of the neighboring communities of Crystal Falls and Stambough. (Iron River, Crystal Falls and Stambough are all in the same county.)

Thirty families add up to about 150 people in all, who in merchandising make modest livings for their decent lives. No great riches among them but enough for comfortable frame dwellings to live in, enough for the prodigious act of social generosity that was performed in the Jewish community of Iron River only recently. Among the \$200,000 was raised for the United Jewish Appeal. I was told that this is a per capita record.

THEY HAVE BEEN diligent for the good name of Israel in Iron River. Yes, said Mr. Plous, long ago there was one member of the community who wasn't as zealous as he should have been for Israel's good name. The time he was arrested all Iron River Jewry felt devastated.

"When the court was through with him we bought him a one-way ticket to Chicago and that was the end of him in Iron River. The Jews have a respected name here and I should tell you about Mr. Seltin. He was mayor here for 13 years, elected again and again—that's how good he was. Mr. Seltin was one of our people, an immigrant, a storekeeper."

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## Inside The Israel Embassy

## HARD-WORKING REPRESENTATIVES ALL SET FOR DE JURE STATUS

By CHARLOTTE WEBER

WASHINGTON—(JTA)—The Israeli Mission to Washington is housed in a simple, white, stone building on Massachusetts Avenue—Washington's "embassy row." It has become an increasingly busy and important place since President Truman announced the exchange of diplomatic representatives between the two countries.

The three-story building is flanked on either side by the Turkish Legation and a mission of the French Embassy. It stands out these days not only because of its sparkling whiteness but because of the large blue-and-white Israeli flag that now flies over it.

Much of the burden of making the adjustment from the semi-official status of the Jewish Agency to the official diplomatic status of the Provisional Government of Israel has fallen on the shoulders of Eliahu Epstein, Israeli Special Representative here.

A Russian-born Palestinian, Epstein came to the United States as one of the representatives of the Jewish Agency at the U. N. Charter conference in San Francisco in 1945. Since that time he has been the Washington representative of the Agency, experience that stands him in good stead now that he has become the official diplomatic representative assigned to the American capital.

Much of Mr. Epstein's time is taken up with political discussions of one sort or another. There are numerous matters to be discussed with officials of the State Department. There are all the other foreign diplomats with whom he must talk over problems relating to their countries, and Israel. There is a certain amount of entertaining that must be done and official appearances that must be made.

Second in command is Uriel Heidt, First Secretary of the Mission, who handles administrative details and some political matters. A member of the Jewish Agency since 1935, serving in both the Jerusalem and London offices, Heidt is a veteran of several Agency missions to Arab countries.

Arthur Liverhant, the Second Secretary, came to the office from London where he was political secretary of the Agency office for a year-and-a-half. His service with the Agency was not restricted to the London office, but included several years in Jerusalem. He is in charge of protocol, certain legal matters and consular problems.

The Third Secretary, Asher Grinblat, is a well known Oriental scholar. He will handle certain information matters and problems pertaining to the Arab countries and to Israel's Arab citizens.

When full de jure recognition is accorded Israel by the U. S. and the Israeli Mission becomes a legation Harry Zinder, present press adviser, will become press attache. Eventually, he will become director of information for the entire United States. A former Time-Life correspondent Zinder spent seven years as a roving correspondent throughout Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He spent another five years concentrating on the Near East, Palestine and Syria, as an Associated Press correspondent.

In addition to his round of official visits with State Department officials and other diplomats Mr. Epstein must also see the stream of visitors who come to the Mission office. Acting as official host of the Israeli Government in Washington, he receives members of the Provisional Government, such as Mrs. Goldie Meyerson who visited Washington recently, and prominent American Zionists. Since the end of the British Mandate the visa work formerly handled by the British Embassy now is part of the function of the Israeli Mission.

Mr. Epstein and his staff manage all this with the assistance of ten administrative and secretarial assistants and legal and economic advisers. As the buzz of activity in the simple white building increases the plans call for a move, toward the end of this year or the beginning of next, to a larger building.



EPSTEIN

## Jewish Book Contest Offers \$750 Awards

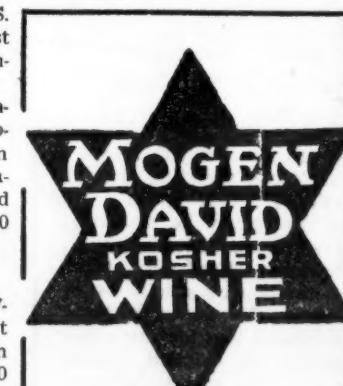
NEW YORK—Two literary awards, one in fiction and one in non-fiction, for new books which have literary merit and are of general Jewish interest were announced this week by the Jewish Book Council.

The Council, sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board, said both books must have been written and published in English in the U.S. between July 1, 1947 and last June 30. Awards will be announced in January.

The Jewish Community Council of Washington, D.C. has donated \$500 for the best nonfiction award. Samuel Daroff of Philadelphia, president of the Allied Jewish Appeal, has donated \$250 for the best fiction work.

## DPs To Israel Officially

MUNICH, (JTA)—Six hundred and sixty displaced persons, including 165 children aged one to 16, left here for Marseille enroute to Israel, with 1,000 DP's and U. S. Army representatives wishing them bon voyage. This departure marked the first official movement of DP's directly to Israel since the issuance of Israeli visas by Dr. Chaim Hoffman, Israeli representative here.



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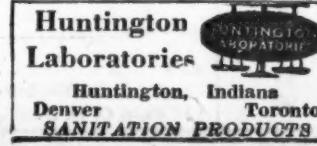
The other letter reads:

"I hope you are well. I am fine. I received the money for this month and I thank you a thousand times. I had my picture taken at school. I hope to send you one. I'll send it in my next letter. I work hard at school. I embrace you very much."

Danielle sounds like a sweet child, very much like one of our Junior Post League members. Because you have been good and helped her with money, Danielle is again learning that life does not have to be all terror and misery. Don't let her down now. Write to her. Remember, she says you don't have to know French. Write your letters in English and they will be translated for her in Paris.

Do it right away.

During the summer, children, please send your mail to Vacation Editor, 6140 Kingsley Drive, Indianapolis, Ind.



## Superb Israeli Fight Proves Mastery Of Modern Warfare

TEL AVIV, Israel—A survey of Israeli military triumphs between May 16, when the invasion of regular Arab armies started, and July 18, when the second United Nations truce started, underscored the certainty of disaster for the invaders if the Palestine war had continued.

The swift deterioration in Arab fighting effectiveness so clearly promised widespread collapse in the field that the Anglo-American combination at Lake Success was finally impelled to push the Security Council into action.

Another significant factor in the UN action of threatening to invoke sanctions and armed intervention was the fact that Israeli gains were certain to have a major role in any final settlement.

At the pace the Israeli armies had unveiled, the Jews could easily have carried out predictions made during the first truce of a six-weeks campaign to sweep the Arab invaders out of all parts of Palestine.

Here, in brief, was the record of the first Jewish military campaign since the destruction of the Second Temple nearly 2,000 years ago:

Tel Aviv, the capital of the Jewish state, was assured freedom from ground attack by a concentrated campaign that nipped off a belt of major Arab cities, including Lydda airport, the largest in the middle east.

That campaign also assured the water supply of new Jerusalem by the capture of Ras El Ein, site of the city's pumping stations.

In the south, the Egyptians faced a disaster unparalleled in the modern history of that state. In the

nine days of fighting since July 9, more than 1,500 Egyptian soldiers, plus enormous quantities of materiel, were seized. Israeli sources said Egyptian casualties were far over the 1,000 mark.

The easy sweep of the Egyptian army up the Southern Palestine coast toward Tel Aviv ran into the Israeli meat-grinder at Isdud. The Jews swiftly wrapped a steel ring around a spearhead there and have since pounded the area by land and air.

In the northwest sector, the Israeli wound up their drive at truce-time by seizing Tira, south of Haifa, ending any threat to the big port. The Acre section was almost totally overrun by Israeli troops who made repeated penetrations in force into Lebanon at the north. The Lebanese ceased to be a factor in the fighting as early as the first weeks in June.

Capture of Nazareth in the lower portion of the Acre area last week sealed off Fawzi Kawukji's "Liberation Army" from contact with Arab forces in central Palestine.

The Syrians never were able to get a foothold in Israeli territory. Their major victory was the capture—after the first truce began—of Mishmar Hay Yarden. When the second truce started, the Israeli had surrounded the area—most of it inside Syrian territory.

The fighting in central Palestine was a combination of offense and defense. In the western section of that area, the fight was geared to clean out Arab nests which had served as the base for artillery attacks on the Tel Aviv sector.

At Latrun, approximately halfway down the highway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the

Israeli had entirely encircled the key position. Its fall within a few hours had been certain if the fighting continued. As it was, brilliant victories had given the Israeli complete control of a five mile belt all along the road except at Latrun and the Arabs were unable to halt convoys to new Jerusalem just before the second truce started.

The truce brought to an end Israeli plans for swift seizure of the old city, which the Transjordan Legion managed to take after a five week battle against less than 500 Jewish troops.

Casualties were heavy in the last pre-truce battle last Saturday. Most of Jerusalem's Jews, believing the truce was in effect, were out on the streets when the Legion began a powerful artillery barrage, which was quickly answered by the Israeli.

The fighting in central Palestine offensively was based on efforts to smash the Nablus-Tulkarm-Jenin triangle which rests, strategically, on Ramallah, a few miles north of Jerusalem.

The triangle was the center of Arab power and the Israeli grabbed Nablus late in the campaign and pounded Tulkarm with bombs and artillery in a manner indicating a major offensive before the truce stopped the fighting. Jenin was taken before.

Everywhere, the Israeli had shattered all armies in their path except the Legion. Everywhere, positions lost were quickly recaptured and at no time did the invaders hold any part of Israel territory for any length of time.

The Jews, known for their attachment to the book, had demonstrated beyond any doubt that in their homeland at least they also knew how to handle the cannon and the warplane.

## Jewish Labor Council Produces Proof of Contributions to Israel

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The dispute over whether the American Jewish Labor Council has been conducting a fraudulent fund-raising drive this week resolved itself into this question:

What has happened to the funds collected by this group in the streets and stores of New York and other leading cities?

The American Jewish League Against Communism has charged repeatedly that the Communist-front Labor Council has been collecting the funds ostensibly for Israel but actually for Communist Party treasuries. (NJP July 16).

At the request of The Post, the Labor Council produced photostatic copies of checks which verified the group's claims that it had arranged with its affiliated Furriers Union to contribute \$50,000 to the Histadrut, the general confederation of labor unions in Israel; and with the Teachers union to donate \$6,000 to the Red Mogen Dovid.

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, executive director of the Anti-Communist League, admitted that the Labor Council had been instrumental in transmitting \$84,000, as was claimed, to Israeli institutions.

### Schultz Repeats Charges

Schultz repeated his charge, however, that there was something "phony" in the Labor Council's street collections since no one has any information on what has happened to this money.

William Levner, JLC executive director, told The Post that the street collections are still underway and that a complete report will be filed with the N. Y. Department of Welfare, which he said authorized the collections, as soon as the collections are complete.

### Did Paper Retract?

The Labor Council issued a press release asserting that the N. Y. World-Telegram "was forced to retract its slanderous statements" against the group.

However, Frederick Woltman, the paper's special writer on U. S. Communist activity, flatly denied that his paper had retracted its original charge that the JLC was using such funds for party purposes.

Woltman said the newspaper had investigated the JLC claim that it had made contributions to various Israeli groups and, having substantiated this claim, simply printed the facts of those contributions.

### Real Truce Means Arabs Licked—Silver

CLEVELAND—(NJP)—Dr. Abba Hillel Silver said this week that "if there is a real truce in Palestine, it means that the Arab armies were defeated."

Dr. Silver, world-famous General Zionist leader, was honored at a dinner here. More than 1,000 persons came to the event. Dr. Silver was visibly affected by the tributes paid to him at the dinner, drying his eyes several times as he tried to express his thanks.

### It's Still A Mystery

## SURPLUS B-17 DEFIES ALL, GETS AS FAR AS AZORES

SANTA MARIA, Azores—A war-surplus B-17, after an incredible flight from Canada presumably en route to Palestine, landed here this week and was immediately detained by Portuguese authorities.

The amazing odyssey of the plane began last week in an atmosphere of mystery at Westchester county airport, N. Y., with 10 aboard. The pilot, Irwin R. Schindler of Miami, said he was taking his nine passengers on a routine training flight, then loaded 2,500 gallons of gasoline in the creaking ship.

Canadian immigration officials, with surprising credulity, accepted Schindler's explanation, levied a \$100 fine for ille-

### U. S. Jew Slain By Cairo Mob

WASHINGTON—The U. S. State Department promised a complete investigation this week of the stoning to death of Stephen Haas, a leading Philadelphia Jew, by Moslems in Cairo Sunday.

Haas and his wife were attacked near the Cairo citadel. Some of his Egyptian companions and a British family were seriously injured. Mrs. Haas was manhandled, but not injured seriously.

Haas was on a tour in Cairo. He was born in Hungary in 1895 and was a naturalized citizen. He was a member of B'nai B'rith, and well known in Philadelphia Jewish circles.

A formal explanation by the Egyptian government that Haas was killed by three drunken Moslems was met with a U. S. retort that the explanation overlooked the fact that Moslems do not drink.

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## FIRST NAVAL OFFENSIVE BY JEWS IN MODERN HISTORY IN TYRE ATTACK

TEL AVIV, Israel—The first naval offensive by Jewish forces in modern history took place Sunday when units of the Israeli navy attacked Tyre, a Lebanon Mediterranean port.

The ancient historical city was subjected to a heavy shelling by the unopposed Israeli warships before they withdrew.

The Tyre attack was the second sea attack in the brief Palestine war. Early in June, Israeli corvettes and planes, in a combined sea-air smash, stopped an Egyptian sea effort to reinforce a trapped spearhead near Isdud in southern Palestine.

## ORTHODOXY SETS FIRST RADIO PROGRAM IN U. S. REVIVAL PLAN

NEW YORK—The first move in the campaign by the Rabbinical Council of America to revive full observance of fundamental Judaism in the U. S. will be a coast-to-coast broadcast by a member of the Council Aug. 1.

Rabbi Israel Tabak, president, said Rabbi Nahum Schulman of Congregation Mikro Kodesh, Minneapolis, will deliver the address on the Church of the Air Program over CBS at 0 a. m.

A special body, the commission for the promotion of orthodoxy, will begin the formal campaign in September. The program will be backed by the 400 members of the Rabbinical Council. Rabbi Mordecai Stern of Richmond Hill, N. Y., is chairman of the commission.

All orthodox rabbis will devote their sermons on particular Sabbath, to be picked by the commission, to an explanation of the various fundamentals of Judaism and to a revival of their observances.

Campaign Opens September  
Rabbi Tabak said the campaign will start with the High Holy Days and end with Chanukah and

that the press and radio will be used in the promotional effort.

"Only a full measure of devotion to God and Torah will produce an intelligent and faithful generation of Jews and Jewesses who will react with dignity to the historic occurrences in reborn Israel," Rabbi Tabak said.

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